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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 13 November 1968

DD/I briefed on his, Howard Osborn's, and Dick Lehman's meeting yesterday in New York with Mr. Haldeman of Mr. Nixon's staff to lay on arrangements for intelligence service. Clearances of key people are being pursued on a crash basis, and some eight or nine memoranda were provided Haldeman for Mr. Nixon's perusal. Lehman will remain in New York for a few days to conduct the clearance briefings and oversee the initial handling of sensitive information.

DD/I provided the Director a critique on CINCPAC's assessment of the Communist threat in Thailand.

DD/I briefed on recent reports of Soviet activity in Algeria and noted that overhead reconnaissance is being programmed for Algeria.

Godfrey noted that former Foreign Minister Bhutto was arrested in Pakistan yesterday and that further disorders could result.

Godfrey advised that there is still the chance of more student unrest in Czechoslovakia as the Party plenum meets.

Godfrey drew attention to a State message indicating that diplomatic relations with Panama will be resumed today.

Godfrey requested and received concurrence from the Director to release the Tet offensive post-mortem to representatives of agencies which participated in the post-mortem itself.

25X1  advised that the Southeast Asia Estimate is on the USIB agenda for tomorrow and that the Army and Air Force stand in dissent from all of the paragraphs dealing with the consequences of an unfavorable settlement in Vietnam.

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Carver reported that five more reconnaissance flights were fired on yesterday and that one plane was brought down.

Carver noted the tart reaction of the South Vietnamese Information Minister to Secretary Clifford's press conference yesterday.

DD/I drew attention to the exchange of messages between General Wheeler and MACV concerning [ ] study on Cambodia.

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DD/P reported that arrangements for improved air support of our operations in Laos have come untracked again.

25X1 DD/P [ ] cable suggesting that the enemy is planning an intensified, stepped-up effort in South Vietnam.

DD/P noted that a captured document will be published by the Embassy PAO in Saigon concerning enemy intentions to exploit the bombing halt.

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